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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN - PROPOSAL FOR COOPERATION ON
CONSERVATION OF THE ATLAS LION.

1. SMITHSONIAN WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY PASSING FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM DR. THEODORE REED, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL
ZOOLOGICAL PARK, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, TO DR. YVES
RAYMOND, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK, RABAT:
"DEAR COLLEAGUE RAYMOND: THE NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK,
A BUREAU OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, WOULD BE PLEASED
TO ASSIST IN YOUR PROGRAM TO SAVE THE ATLAS LION BY
HOUSING AND EXHIBITING ONE MALE AND THREE FEMALES OF
YOUR BREEDING. WE WOULD FOLLOW YOUR BREEDING PLANS AND
ALL OFFSPRINGS WILL BE SUBJECT TO YOUR BREEDING PROGRAM.
IN MID-MAY WE WILL OPEN A NEW LION AND TIGER EXHIBIT
HAVING ONE-FOURTH ACRE WATER MOATED OUTSIDE AREA FOR LIONS,
THREE CUBBING DENS, AND FOUR HOLDING DENS INSIDE. WE HAVE
A GRADUATE ZOOLOGIST AS CURATOR, TRAINED EXPERIENCED
KEEPERS, TWO STAFF VETERINARIANS, AND A REPRODUCTIVE
ZOOLOGIST GUIDING OUR BREEDING EFFORTS. PROFESSOR DR.
PAUL LEYHAUSEN, WHO IS A SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATOR OF THE
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NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK, HAS WRITTEN ME OF YOUR PLANS

AND PROGRAMS. BASED ON HIS RECOMMENDATION WE WILL BE

HAPPY TO ASSIST AND COOPERATE IN YOUR EFFORT TO SAVE
THIS SPECIES. LEYHAUSEN WROTE OF ONE CLASS ONE MALE
AND THREE CLASS TWO FEMALES AS A SUGGESTED BREEDING
NUMBER FOR THE NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK. THE NATIONAL
ZOOLOGICAL PARK WILL PAY SHIPPING EXPENSES. CREDIT
WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AND YOUR ZOO IN THE EDUCATIONAL
MATERIAL NEXT TO THE EXHIBIT EXPLAINING THE HISTORY

OF THE ATLAS LION AND YOUR EFFORTS TO SAVE IT FROM
EXTINCTION. IF YOU AGREE TO OUR HELPING BY EXHIBITING
AND BREEDING HERE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., I WOULD
BE PLEASED TO HEAR MORE DETAILS AS TO SHIPPING DATES
AND OTHER DETAILS. I WILL BE GLAD TO SUPPLY ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION IF DESIRED. THEODORE H. REED, D.V.M.,
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK, WASHINGTON, D.C. ROBINSON

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